



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
**GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION**

**Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month**

**WHEREAS**, recovering from addiction to alcohol and other drugs takes strength, faith, and commitment, and men and women in recovery showcase the power each of us holds to transform ourselves, our families, and our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, as people share their stories and celebrate the transformative power of recovery, they also help dispel myths and stigmas surrounding substance abuse and offer hope for lifestyles free from alcohol and other drugs; and

**WHEREAS**, this month and throughout the year, we must promote recovery and support the growth of healthy, resilient individuals and families in the United States; and

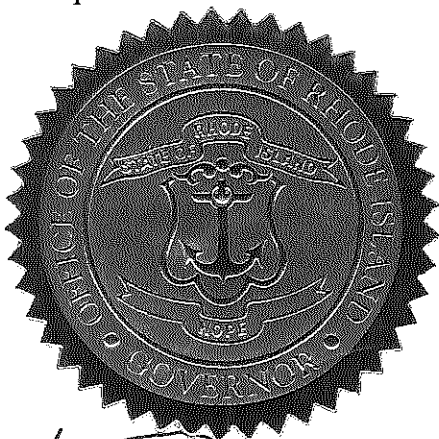
**WHEREAS**, alcohol and other drugs threaten the future of millions of Americans, and abuse of prescription medication has reached epidemic levels, drunk and drugged driving pose significant threats to public safety, and individuals in recovery continue to confront barriers to full participation in our society; and


**WHEREAS**, my administration is committed to reducing substance abuse, and supporting successful, long term recoveries through research, education, increased access to treatment, and community-based recovery support; and

**WHEREAS**, as a state, we must strive to promote second chances and recognize each individual's ability to overcome adversity, and we laud and support the millions of Americans in recovery from substance abuse, their loved ones, and the communities that help them sustain recovery, while encouraging those in need to seek help; and

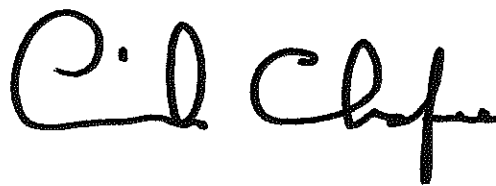
**WHEREAS**, as we celebrate Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, we pay tribute to the transforming power of recovery, which will continue to heal individuals and communities across our country; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim September, 2011 Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this month.



  
A. Ralph Mollis  
Secretary of State

Given under my hand and the great  
seal of the State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations,  
this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011



Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor